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1. In the second half of May 1947, two representatives of an organization called "E.C.A." (Esercito Clandestino Anticomunista), with headquarters in Rome, are reported to have come to Milan. The aim of these emissaries was the creation in Milan and in other northern Italian cities of a clandestine military organization, subordinate to the Rome headquarters.
 2. These representatives got in touch with Colonel Orsini, through a certain Romualdi, an ex-Fascist official. Presented to Orsini as officers of the army, the two representatives invited him to assume command of the clandestine organization in Milan, stating that the central command of the organization considered Orsini, both for his military past and for his present connections, the ideal man to assume command of the E.C.A. in Lombardy.
 3. Orsini, after exploring at great length the aims and organization of the E.C.A., requested an opportunity to think the matter over before giving his answer. A new appointment was made for 24 May, in the afternoon, at a cafe in the Porta Venezia section.
 4. In this conversation Orsini, who was accompanied by a person he trusted, asked many detailed questions concerning the objectives and organization of the E.C.A. He received the following information in reply:
 - (a) The E.C.A. has no political affiliations and is organized in a purely military manner. It is dependent upon military rather than upon political elements.
 - (b) The General Headquarters of the organization is in Rome.
 - (c) Money for the expenses of the organization in the North is provided by a Milan industrialist with whom Orsini could have contact if he accepted the proposition.
 - (d) The operational plans of the E.C.A. are included in the three following points:

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the E.C.A., the organization would form centers of resistance in the localities where the Communists are weakest.

- (2) In the case of a Communist insurrection foreseen by the intelligence organs of the E.C.A., preventive measures would be taken, profiting by the advantage of surprise.
 - (3) If an insurrection should be started by the E.C.A. to install a military government, all the commands of the E.C.A. would receive instructions through a secret radio center, which would begin functioning in Rome. In this event, the E.C.A. members would repair to the centers and houses which will be indicated. There they will be equipped and armed.
5. When Orsini asked some guarantee of privacy and secrecy for the organization and for its followers, the emissaries assured him that all the organization's documents were in a safe place in the Vatican.
 6. At the end of the above discussion, Colonel Orsini accepted the post of Regional Commander of the E.C.A. in Lombardy.
 7. On 30 May 1947 Orsini should have received final instructions through an official of the organization, sent by the General Command in Rome but it is not known whether or not this contact was made.
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 8. [REDACTED] it has been learned that the E.C.A. has united with a similar organization, the Armata Italiana di Liberazione, with some of the promoters of the Formazione Autonoma Society, and with some sections of Azione Cattolica.

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